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To CHARLES RANGER; *Esq*;

These are imperial Works and worthy Kings.

POPE.

SIR,

SOME Time ago I observed with Pleasure, that you communicated to the Public, a Project that is now in Agitation, for the Improvement of Science, and of useful Arts and Manufactures. I was glad to find, that whilst you are animadverting on the Follies and Impertinencies of Mankind, you at the same Time gave Proof of your Concurrence in a Design, which actuates a nobler and more extensive Sphere.

WHAT Progress hath been made towards the Execution of so laudable a Plan, I am at present unable to determine, but as I would naturally hope it will not be suffered to expire in Obscurity

ſcurity, I am deſirous, by the Aſſiſtance of your Paper, to intereſt my Countrymen in the Proſecution of a Scheme, whoſe ſole Object is the public Emolument and Utility.

THE Perfection of Arts, the Encouragement of Genius and Science, with the Advancement of Commerce and Manufactures are Points which the wiſeſt Nations have always judged worthy, of their Care and their Attention. The Advantage, and even Safety of a State is equally concerned, with her Glory and Honour: And when a Propoſal of this Kind is ſubmitted to her Notice, it would imply no leſs a Want of Ardour for a national and heroic Fame, than a Diſregard to her immediate Welfare, ſhould ſhe treat it with Indifference and Neglect. But this, we may flatter ourſelves, will not be the Fate of that Undertaking, which is now making its Way to the public Favour. I have the Pleaſure to be informed that many Gentlemen of diſtinguiſhed Fortune, Abilities and Rank, have generouſly teſtified a Readineſs to ſupport it, in a Manner that ſhall be moſt conducive to the general Good. Senſible of the numerous beneficial Effects which will naturally reſult from it, they have diſcovered an Inclination to execute and *realize* it, with that Patriotiſm and Spirit which does Honour to the Eminence of their Station, and dignifies the Enjoyment of ſuperior Opulence and Wealth. Should it be aſked, how will the Community receive Advantage? I would anſwer much every Way; in every Branch of Science, and in every Article of Trade. Ingenious Artificers will be multiplied, where at preſent they are few in Number; and ſuch Inſtances of Commerce will be encouraged and revived, which now appear to be in a State of Decay. For ſhould a Society be formed, in Conſequence of the Plan referred to, it is natural to imagine, they will be diſpoſed to inquire, in what Caſes their Influence can be moſt ſucceſsfully exerted. New Manufactures will probably be introduced amongſt us; and thoſe which we already have will be carried to a much higher Degree of Improvement and Perfection.

WE have many Commodities of our own Growth, which are greatly inſufficient to anſwer the neceſſary Demand; and the Deficiencies we are obliged to ſupply by buying at foreign Markets. It is probable, that many of theſe Commodities may be ſo far increaſed, that we may be able to furniſh ourſelves at Home, without having Recourſe to Foreigners; by that Means, more Hands will be neceſſarily employed, and the Money ſent abroad will circulate within our own Country. For Inſtance, the Growth of *Madder* was formerly in ſuch Abundance that there was little or no Neceſſity to apply for it

it elſe where: Whereas now, the Cultivation of it is ſo much neglected here in *England*, that our Dyers are obliged to purchaſe of the *Dutch*, what they have Occaſion to uſe, at the annual Expence of ſeveral Thouſand Pounds. Many other Inſtances, and of far greater Importance, might eaſily be ſpecified, and I mentioned this, not preferably to thoſe, but as it caſually occurred to my Memory.

THE Caſe will be the ſame with Reſpect to the finer and politer Arts, for the Embelliſhment of human Life. A Taſte for Elegance and Delicacy will inſenſibly prevail, and diffuſe itſelf amongſt us in various engaging Relations, Genius and Invention, inſtead of drooping beneath the Preſſures of Exigence or Contempt, the uſual Fate of friendleſs unaſſiſted Merit, will be honoured in the public Applauſe, and rewarded by the public Bounty.

BRITAIN may in Time become the School of Architecture, Sculpture or Painting; when other *Jones*'s ſhall ariſe to deſign her Palaces and Buildings, and new *Vandykes* ſhall teach the animated Canvaſs, to glow with all the Beauties which the faireſt Forms exhibit to the Eye. We may add to this, that Motives of univerſal Intereſt, particularly call upon us, for our effectual Concurrence in a Work of this Nature.

A powerful and politic Enemy is jealous to poſſeſs herſelf of every Opening, that will lead her to the Improvement of the national Fortune. Hence is it that her Trade flouriſhes, her Marine is hourly increaſing; and not contented with becoming our Rivals or Superiours, in many valuable Branches of Commerce, ſhe is making large Advances to conteſt with us the Pre-eminence and Dominion of the Sea, and Prejudices apart, it muſt be readily allowed, that the Policy of *France* is, in theſe Points, neither unreaſonable nor imprudent; Her Example may be a Leſſon to ourſelves; and even Errors and Diſappointments may inſtruct us, where a Series of Proſperity would fail. Experience hath ſhewn us the very great Importance of the *Herring-Fiſhery*; Succeſs approves it. Had this Scheme been put in Execution, when it was firſt propoſed by Sir *Walter Raleigh* in the Reign of *James* the Firſt, it is probable that ſuch Advantages would have been derived to us at this Time that might really exceed our warmeſt and moſt ſanguine Expectations. Or had the Propoſal for augmenting our Navy made by Dr. *Dee* to Queen *Elizabeth*, been attempted but a Century before, we had been ſuperior to the *Spaniards*

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naval Force at the Diſcovery of *America*, and might poſſibly have been now in Poſſeſſion of the exhauſtleſs Mines of *Mexico* and *Peru*. But this, it may be ſaid, is talking of an ideal Happineſs; of what only might have been, or might perhaps have been prejudicial to the Community.

LET us then turn our Thoughts and Attention, to Matters univerſally allowed to be of general Uſe. For much remains to be done; and let a vigorous Improvement and Application make ſome Amends for the Time that hath been already loſt, and indeed that this Scheme might be puſhed on with the Force and Power it deſerves, I could wiſh, to render the Satisfaction as extenſive as the Neceſſity, that the Legiſlature would condeſcend to patronize it with the national Encouragement and Sanction. It is not unworthy of their Countenance and Care; and by this Method, they would ſhew the moſt profound Reſpect to that Advice, which graciouſly directed them from the Throne, to cultivate the Arts of Peace.

A neighbouring Iſland, where Oppreſſion which make a wiſe Man mad, is unable to extinguiſh the Paſſion for public Liberty, points out to us what may be done by Virtue of this Plan, where a neceſſary Concurrence is not wanting.

IRELAND can boaſt her Patriots unenobled by Titles, and her Heroes of a private Station. No Obſtacles will retard the Progreſs, where there is a Love for our County; the brighter and more ardent the Flame, the higher will it riſe, and its Heat will be productive of the happieſt and benigneſt Conſequences.

WITH regard to the modeſt and ingenious Projector, thus much may truly be ſaid, that no Views of private Intereſt induced him to engage in the Deſign; but only an honeſt Affection of doing Service to his Country, in the moſt extenſive Manner that his Power would enable him.

I am,

SIR, &c.

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TRUE INTELLIGENCE.

To CHARLES RANGER, *Esq*;

Feb. 17, 1754.

SIR,

THO' I am a Frequenter of the *Bedford* Coffee-houſe, I am neither a Wit nor a Critic; there is likewiſe a vety fat facetious Gentleman (neither a Wit nor a Critic) who attends the ſame Place. Now, Sir, this Gentleman, whether it is to ſhew his Activity under his Burden, or to diſplay his natural Spirits, I can't tell, but he is never at Reſt. He is continually ſhifting from one Box to another, but unluckily for the Reſt of Mrs. *Mitchell's* Cuſtomers, he is apt now and then, to tread upon People's Toes. I am at preſent confin'd with a Pain in my Foot, having incautiouſly laid in this Gentleman's Way. I therefore beg of you, as you frequently animadvert upon thoſe public Inconveniences, to recommend Mr. *Hart's* or Mr. *Duke's* dancing Academy for GROWN PERSONS to the aforeſaid fat Gentleman; for unleſs his Legs are kept within ſome Rule, there will be no ſuch Thing as venturing into that Coffee-houſe. I am Sir,

Your much ſqueezed humble Servant,
And conſtant Reader,
CHARLES TENDER-TOES.

From my Regiſter-Office, Feb. 19.

Many falſe Steps have been imputed to a Perſon's not learning to dance; That complained of in the foregoing is certainly owing to no other Cauſe, and therefore I think my fat Friend ſhould ſacrifice to the Graces, as *Socrates* called it, when learning the *Ionic* Movement. *Motus docere gaudet Ionicos*, ſays *Horace*, and I could wiſh Mr. *Tunbelly* ſhared a little of the ſame Inclination.

To CHARLES RANGER, *Esq*;

SIR,

THE *Adventurer* has dropt an Hint that he intends ſhortly to relinquiſh the Paper which he has hitherto publiſhed with ſo much Succeſs; I am very ſorry to find this News ſucceeded by a Report, that you alſo have reſolved in a few Weeks to take leave of the Public. I hope it is not true, and that, inſtead of diſcontinuing you will publiſh on *Tueſday* alſo for the Future, as there will be Room for you by this Abdication of your Brother-Writer. I ſhall be glad to ſee a Paragraph to contradict this Report, and am

SIR,
Your very humble Servant,

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According to the Playhouſe's Faſhion I might advertize my Paper, *being the laſt this Seaſon*, then in a Week after, being *poſitively the laſt this Seaſon*, and afterwards *by the particular Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality*, repeat the ſame Diſh, but I ſhall make Uſe of no Artifice, and in a little Time will tell the whole Secret of my Intentions.

On Wedneſday laſt the ſeveral Malefactors were removed to the proper Goal in order to take their Tryals at the enſuing Seſſions at the *Court of cenſorial* Enquiry, when we hear there will be ſeveral remarkable Occurrences.

Hayes's Coffee-Houſe, Feb. 13.

The Death of Mr. *Joſeph Clare* the merry Haberdaſher of *Fleetſtreet*, has caſt an univerſal Damp on the Spirits of the Gentlemen frequenting this Houſe; he having been as remarkable for his Uprightneſs in Trade, as for his facetious Diſpoſition; poſſeſſed an happy Turn of Humour, which he exerciſed with great Pleaſantry on the Foibles of Mankind; and if any Perſon conceived an Affront from him, he was uneaſy till he made a Reparation for the Injury, which he never intended. Had his Abilities been equal to his Benevolence his Loſs would be now lamented by all Mankind; at preſent it is chiefly felt by his Acquaintance, whom this Event has not only deprived of an agreeable Companion, but a faithful Friend.

From BOCALINI *dated* Parnaſſus, *Feb.* 16.

A certain modern Genius, who has made a very conſpicuous Figure in *Pope's Dunciad*, took it into his Head ſome Time ſince to tranſlate an Epiſode in *Homer's Iliad*, in order as he modeſtly ſays, to convince the World that a good Tranſlation of *Homer* was requiſite. And indeed his Performance proved effectual to convince every one that peruſed his, how high a Value ſhould be ſet upon an elegant Verſion of a good Greek Author. It is not doubted, but the promiſed Tranſlation of *Sophocles* will anſwer the ſame End, but for a different Reaſon; becauſe every Subſcriber will in all Probability, think it an Addition to Letters to have ſo valuable a Treaſure imported into this Kingdom with no little Diminution of the Spirit of the Original, as the Genius of our Language will permit.

Covent-Garden, Feb. 23.

By Advices from *Bath* we are informed that Mr. *Quin* cannot obey the Summons of his friendly Inclinations to ſerve Mr *Ryan*, at his Benefit, this Year. It ſeems the Loſs of his Teeth has in ſome Meaſure diſabled him, from performing, "By G—d (ſays he) I will not whiſtle *Falſtaff* for "any Body, but I hope the Town will be kind to my Friend *Ryan*; "They cannot ſerve an honeſter Man."—The friendly Offices which this excellent Actor has done his Friend, theſe two laſt Years, reflect an Honour on his Character, and it is hoped, it is unneceſſary to recommend to the Patronage of the Public an Actor, who has been ſo long in their Service as Mr. *Ryan*.

Drury-Lane, Feb. 23.

Laſt Night Mr. *Foote* entertained a numerous and polite Audience at his Benefit, in two different Characters, *viz.* that of *Fondlewife* in the *Old-Batchelor*, which he performed with great Comic Skill, and an humorous Part in his own Piece called the *Knights*, in which he diverted the Town in the *double Capacity* of an humourous Writer, and an Actor of Spirit and Pleaſantry.

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